

July 2, 2016 Designations: Schedule

Milestones and Schedule for Completing the July 2, 2016, Round of SO ₂ Designations	
Court Order	March 2, 2015
Impacted states may submit updated recommendations and supporting information for area designations to the EPA	No later than September 18, 2015
The EPA notifies impacted states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	On or about January 22, 2016, but absolutely no later than 120 days prior to final designations (March 2, 2016)
The EPA publishes public notice of state recommendations and the EPA's intended modifications and initiates 30-day public comment period	On or about February 3, 2016
End of 30-day public comment period	On or about March 4, 2016
Impacted states provide additional information to demonstrate why an EPA modification is inappropriate	On or about April 8, 2016
The EPA promulgates final SO ₂ area designations (no later than 16 months from Court Order)	No later than July 2, 2016



July 2, 2016 Designations: OAQPS Efforts

OAQPS has started a SO₂ modeling workgroup that aims to:

- ❖ Develop a list of issues across the regions in the form of Q & A's in anticipation of model data evaluation
- ❖ Develop national consistency in review of model data

Technical Workshop (Thursday, July 30th from 1:00pm eastern to 3:00pm eastern)

- ❖ A web-based technical workshop led by the Air Quality and Analysis Division has been scheduled, and this webinar will provide guidance and direction to Regional Office staff on evaluating monitoring and modeling data that is submitted by states and third parties, consistent with the guidelines presented in our technical assistance documents.



July 2, 2016 Designations: OAQPS Efforts and Deliverables, cont'd

Technical Support Document (TSD) Template Development

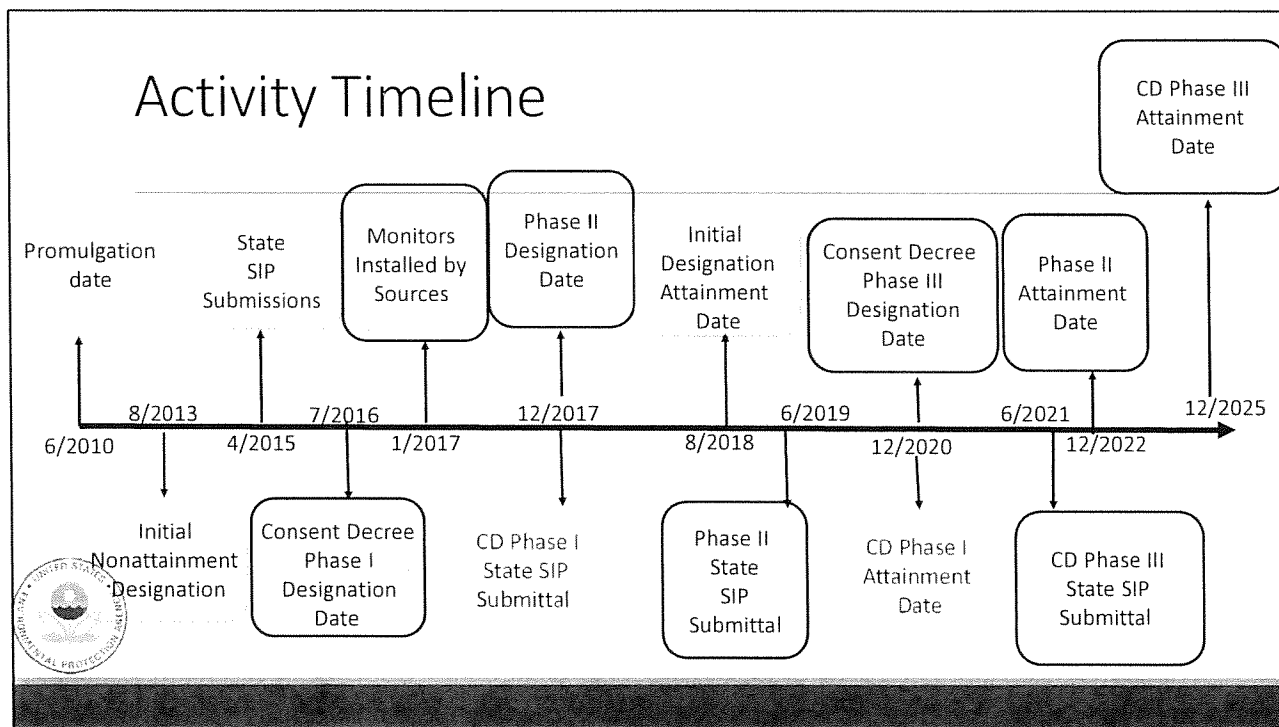
- ❖ In July, OAQPs will begin refining the TSD template that Regional Offices will populate. Iterations of this template will be based on workgroup consultation, examples of modeling/monitoring results, and where applicable – consistency with our technical assistance documents. A final TSD template will be distributed to Regional Offices shortly after recommendations are due from impacted states and tribes.



July 2, 2016 Designations: Regional Office Milestones

Key Dates and Milestones for Regional Offices Through the 120-Day Process (not an exhaustive list)	
09/18/15	Regional Offices receive any updated recommendations from impacted states and tribes and work in tandem with OAQPS to begin evaluation.
10/12/15	Planning APMs should be briefed on the national landscape as well as region-specific unorthodox issues/boundaries/modeling results, etc.
10/19/15	ADDs should be briefed on the national landscape as well as region-specific unorthodox issues and recommendations in advance of engaging RAs to make the best-informed decisions.
10/26/15	RAs should be briefed on recommendations specific to the region, as well as any situations that are contentious/controversial or needing elevation and HQ resolution. These issues should be raised to OAQPS' attention as appropriate.
11/20/15	After OAQPS/OGC/OAR review, input, and direction including those for contentious areas, Regional Offices should submit <i>draft</i> 120-day TSDs to OAQPS
01/04/2016	Regional Offices receive all revisions, edits, and suggestions from HQ offices on TSDs
01/15/2016	Regional Offices complete all revisions, edits, and suggestions from HQ offices on TSDs and submit to OAQPS.





SO₂ Designations: Additional Information

Information on this [website](#) includes:

- ❖ Fact sheet
- ❖ Schedule for completing designations
- ❖ Final court order
- ❖ Sources meeting the criteria established in the court's order
- ❖ Locations of ambient air quality monitors with a preliminary violation of the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS
- ❖ Updated guidance for designations
- ❖ Technical support and assistance documents

